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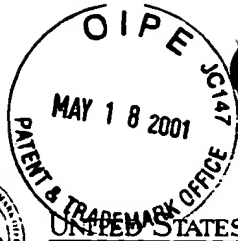
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE AND
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed May 3, 2001 (copy of which is returned herewith), and supplementing our Response filed March 19, 2001, attached hereto is a Preliminary Amendment which amends the abstract to under a 150 words.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0013. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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